

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks.

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered and further request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the remarks contained herein.

II. Disposition of the Claims.

Claims 1-34 are pending. Claims 1-14 and 16-34 are allowed. Claim 15 stands rejected.

Claim 15 is amended herein. All the above amendments are made in a good faith effort to advance the prosecution on the merits of this case. Applicants reserve their right to take up prosecution on the claims as originally filed in this or an appropriate continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application.

III. Remarks Regarding Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner has rejected "Claim 15. . . under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." (Office Action at 2.)

Claim 15 has been amended to improve the clarity of this claim. In view of the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 with respect to claim 15.

IV. Remarks Regarding Allowance of Claims 1-14 and 16-34.

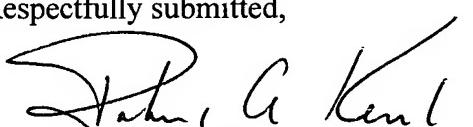
The Examiner has allowed claims 1-14 and 16-34. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of these claims.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in association with the filing of this response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to the Deposit Account of Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., No. 08-0300 (Reference Number HES 2001-IP-00334U2P1) for any underpayment of fees that may be due in association with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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